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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Alyce Lorraine Koehler of Peoria, who passed away on April 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Koehler was born near Reliance, South Dakota to George A. and Noma Wallace Schmitt on April 27, 1926; she was raised on a ranch near Pierre, South Dakota and attended Pierre High School; she attended Yankton College and married the Rev. Rueben P. Koehler in Brush, Colorado on December 22, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Koehler supported her husband in his ministry with the United Church of Christ; they made their home in many places, including Parkston, Beresford, Chamberlain, Huron, and Yankton, South Dakota; Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Denver, Colorado; and St. Louis, Missouri; in retirement, Sebring, Florida; she always considered South Dakota to be home; she moved to Peoria in 2000 to be near her son, David, and his family; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Koehler was a member of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization); she worked for the CROP organization in South Dakota and volunteered at a social

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1 service agency, helping the less-fortunate in Missouri; she
2 loved to sing, swim, sew, garden, do ceramics, and bake healthy
3 cookies; and

4 WHEREAS, Alyce Koehler was preceded in death by her
5 husband, Rueben, and an infant daughter; and

6 WHEREAS, Alyce Koehler is survived by her two sons, David
7 and Thom; David's wife, Nora Sullivan, and their children, Kate
8 (Jay Pastucha), Maggie (Aimee Pine), and Lilly (Billy Gehring);
9 Thom's wife, Becky, and their children, Sara (John
10 Buttemiller), Amalia (Adam Flynn), and Christie (Josh
11 Aberson); her eight great-grandchildren, Georgia and Amelia
12 Pastucha, Natalie and Henry Buttemiller, Liam and Max Flynn,
13 and Collin and Kate Aberson; her sister, Mildred Andersen; her
14 nephews and niece, Gary, Fred, Steve, Beverly, and their
15 families; her sister-in-law, Ruth Mayfield; and her niece,
16 Susan; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 mourn the passing of Alyce Lorraine Koehler, and extend our
20 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
21 and loved her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Alyce Koehler as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.